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# DOCTOR STRANGE



STORIES.

--PERHAPS  
WE HAVE CHOSEN  
POORLY IN YOU,  
STEPHEN  
STRANGE.

PERHAPS  
YOU HAVE,  
HOGGOOTH.

WHAT SORT  
OF SORCERER  
SUPREME DO YOU  
WISH FOR, OH  
WISANTIP

FOR YOU  
HAVE MADE STEPHEN  
STRANGE A KILLER  
AND YOU WERE  
DISPLEASED.

AND NOW  
STEPHEN STRANGE  
THE DOCTOR INVITES  
YOUR DISPLEASURE BY  
NOT KILLING?

LOVE STORIES.

BUT  
TREATING WITH  
THE TRINITY OF  
ASHES--

YES, THE  
TRINITY.

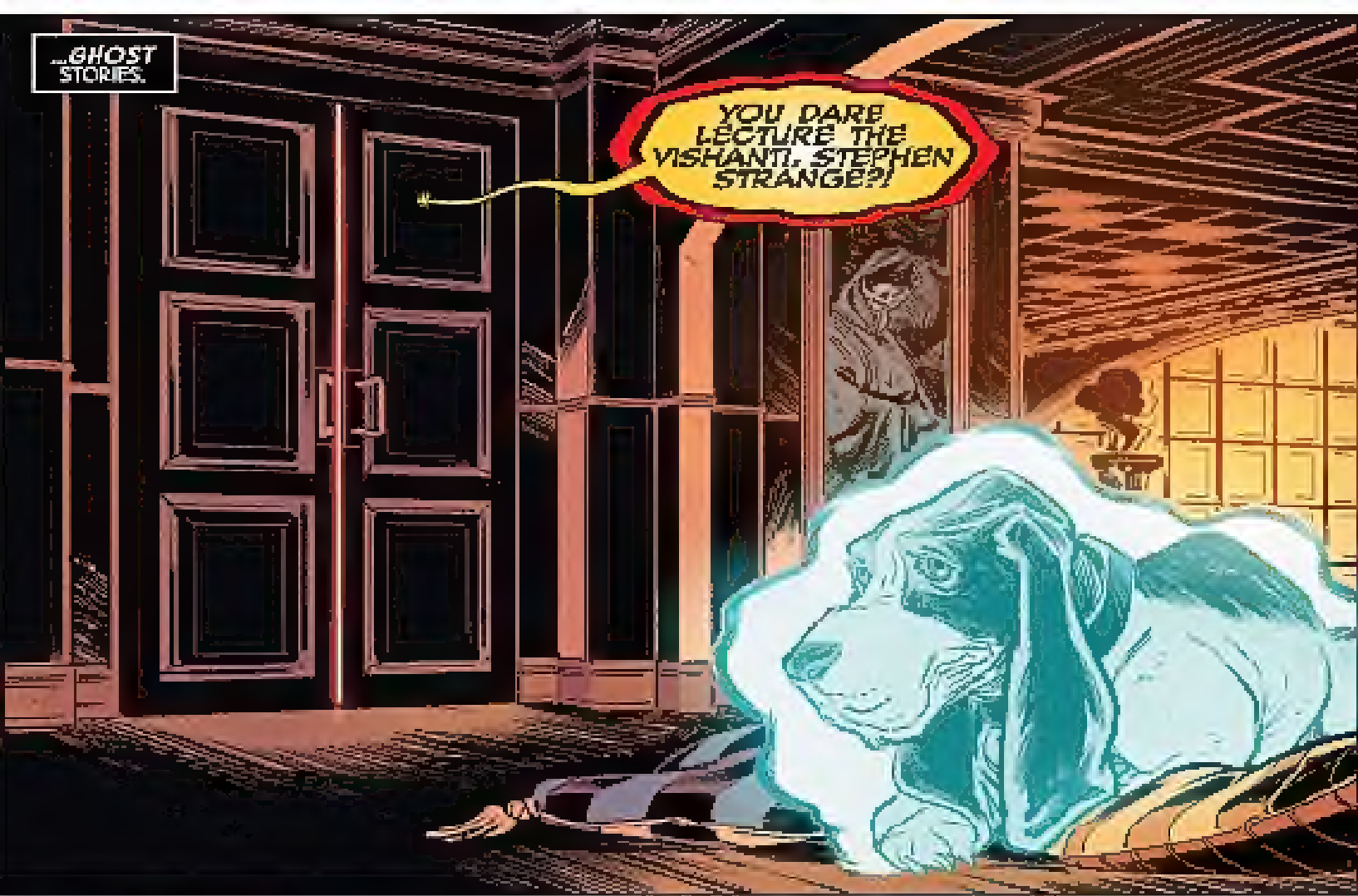
A  
GREAT  
EVIL.

WHO WERE  
OF MORE AID  
THAN YOU.

WAR  
STORIES.

AND, OF  
COURSE...

YOU DARE  
LECTURE THE  
VISHANTI, STEPHEN  
STRANGE?!



DOC AND THE  
VSHANTI, BARKING  
AT EACH OTHER.

HAPPENS ALL  
THE TIME NOW.

DUNNO WHAT'S  
GONNA COME OF  
IT, BUT THAT'S NOT  
MY BUSINESS.



I'M A DOG.

≡SNIFF  
≡SNIFF

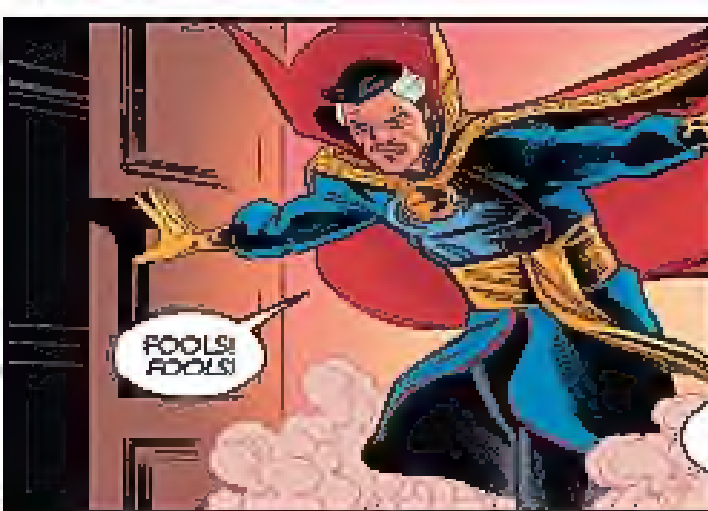


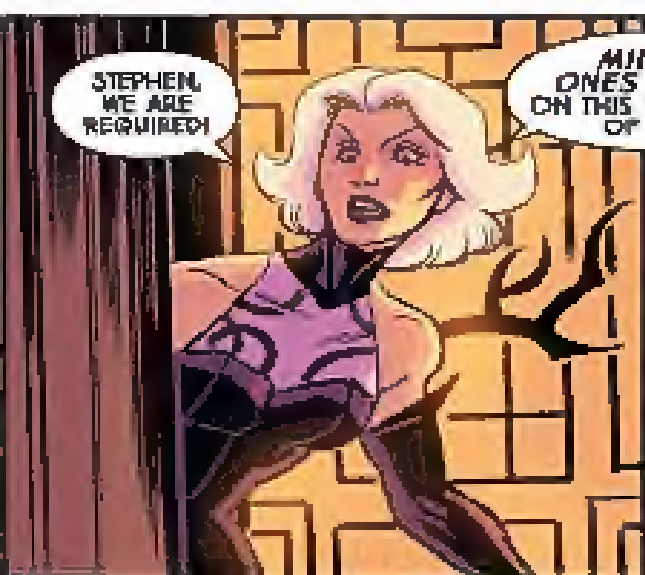
THAT MEANS  
ALL I CARE ABOUT  
IS LOOKING AFTER  
MY PEOPLE.

SO THAT'S  
WHY I'M  
WAITING HERE









STEPHEN,  
WE ARE  
REQUIRED!

MINDLESS  
ONES ARE AFOOT  
ON THIS "BROAD WAY"  
OF YOURS!



AGAIN?

BY THE  
HONEY HOSTS  
OF—

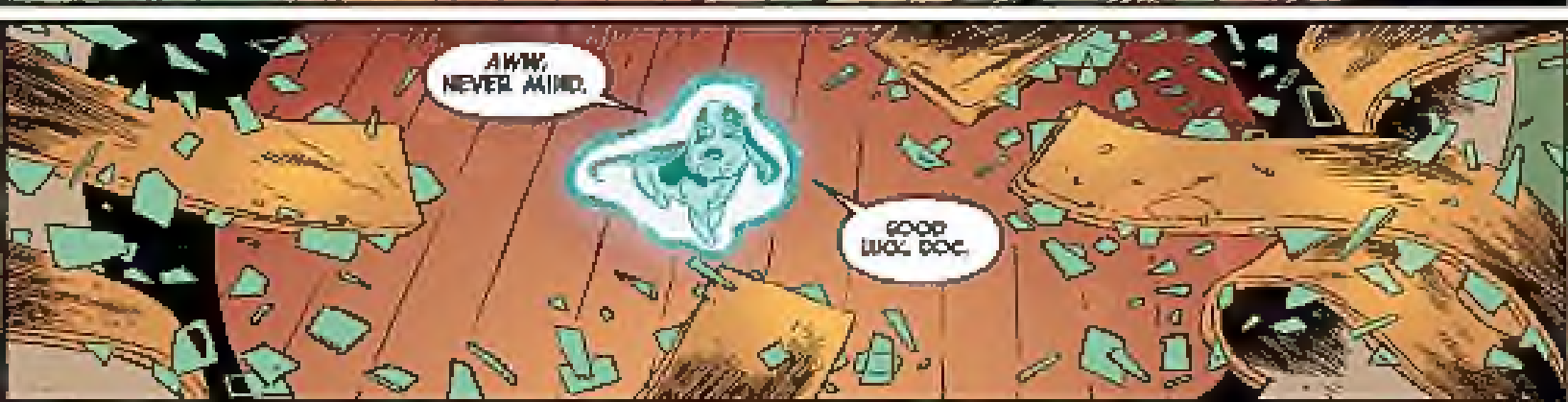
NEVER MIND.

DOC, ABOUT  
WHAT I WAS  
SAYING—



HOW  
DOES THIS KEEP  
HAPPENING,  
CLEAF?

WOULD  
THAT I KNOW,  
DARLING.



AWW,  
NEVER MIND.

GOOD  
LUCK, DOC.

# DOCTOR STRANGE

PREVIOUSLY...

As Sorcerer Supreme, Stephen Strange acts as Earth's mystic defender and consultant to the heroes of Earth in all things magic. In his adventures, he's encountered all sorts of odd and unusual beings, including the ghost of a very good basset hound named Bats, who haunts the Sanctum Sanctorum as Stephen's loyal pet.

Now Stephen, his wife, Clea, and their faithful ghost dog look forward to a moment of relative peace, to enjoy the world that they sought to protect. But with external threats quieted, Doctor Strange must find time to deal with the dangers within his own household...

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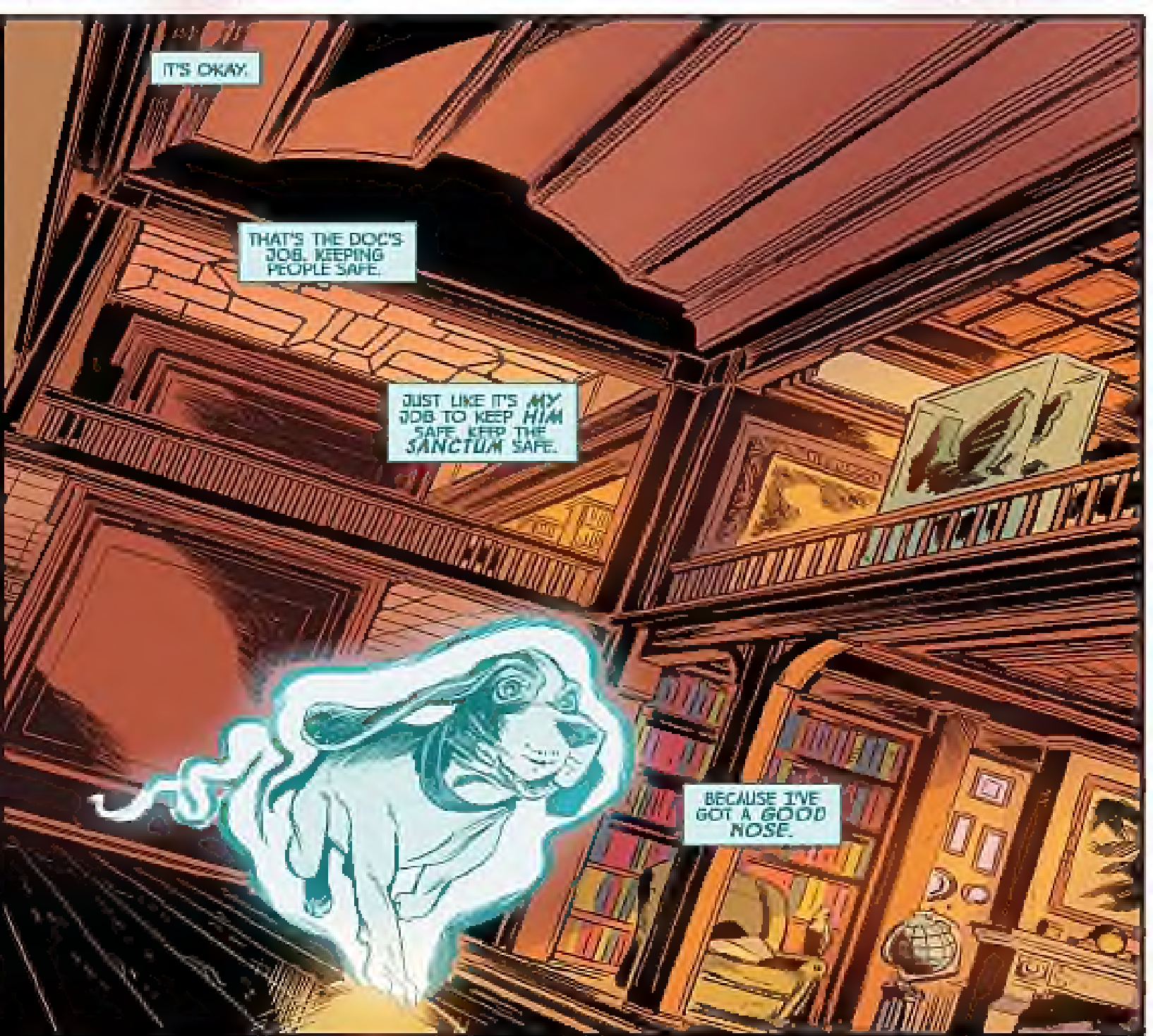
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IT'S OKAY.

THAT'S THE DOC'S  
JOB. KEEPING  
PEOPLE SAFE.

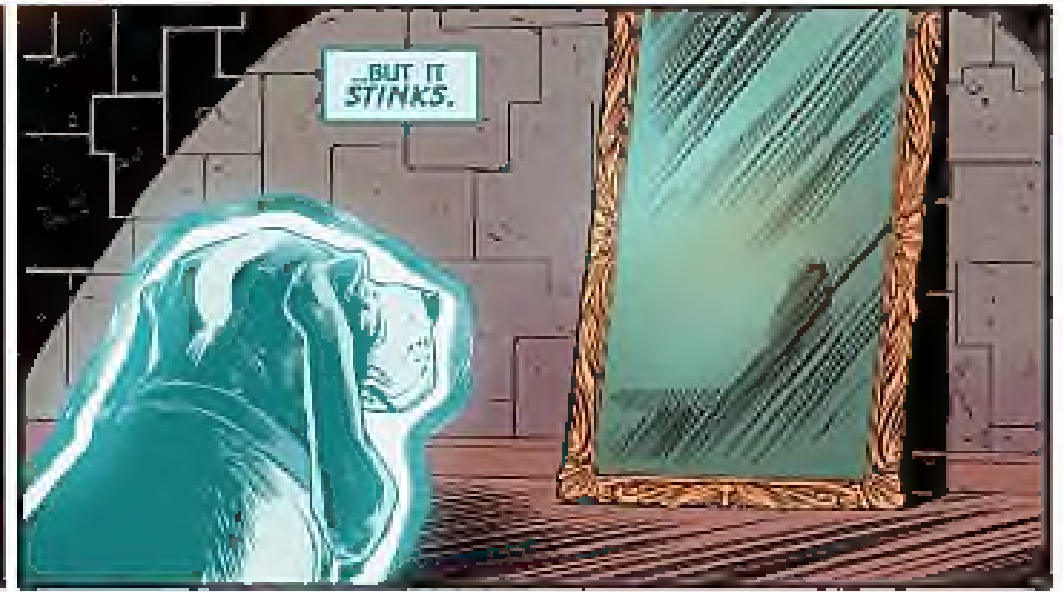
JUST LIKE IT'S MY  
JOB TO KEEP HIM  
SAFE, KEEP THE  
SANCTUM SAFE.

BECAUSE I'VE  
GOT A GOOD  
NOSE.



AND IT'S TELLIN' ME THAT  
THERE'S SOMETHING BAD  
RUNNING AROUND.

I DON'T  
KNOW WHAT  
IT IS YET...



BUT IT  
STINKS.



SNIFF

SNIFF

CAME  
THROUGH  
HERE..

HEY,  
BATS.



BATS,  
BATS.

SNIFFING  
FOR RATS?

CATSP

BRATSP

BRATSP



LIKE A  
BRATWURST.

DOGS  
LIKE SAUSAGES,  
RIGHT?

WE LIKE  
SAUSAGES.

YOU GOT  
ANY SAUSAGES,  
BATS?



DO I GOT ANY  
SAUSAGES--?

LISTEN,  
DUMMIES, YOU  
TWO SEE ANYTHING  
WEIRD  
AROUND  
HERE?

BECAUSE  
I'VE BEEN  
SMELLING--

WAIT.



DID WE SEE  
SOMETHING  
WEIRD  
HERE?

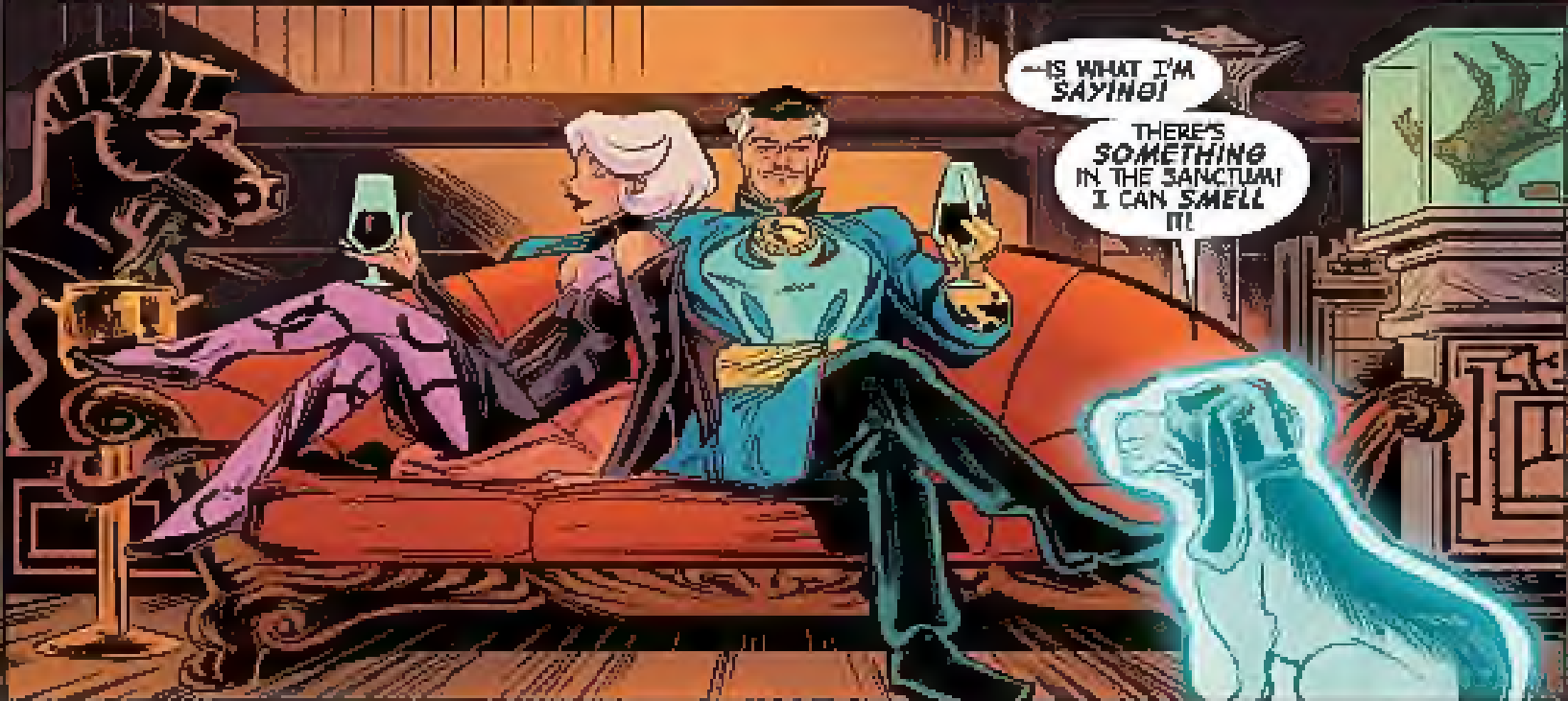
WHERE DO YOU  
THINK YOU ARE,  
BATS-BATS?

WEIRD  
HAHAHAHA

HAHAHAHA

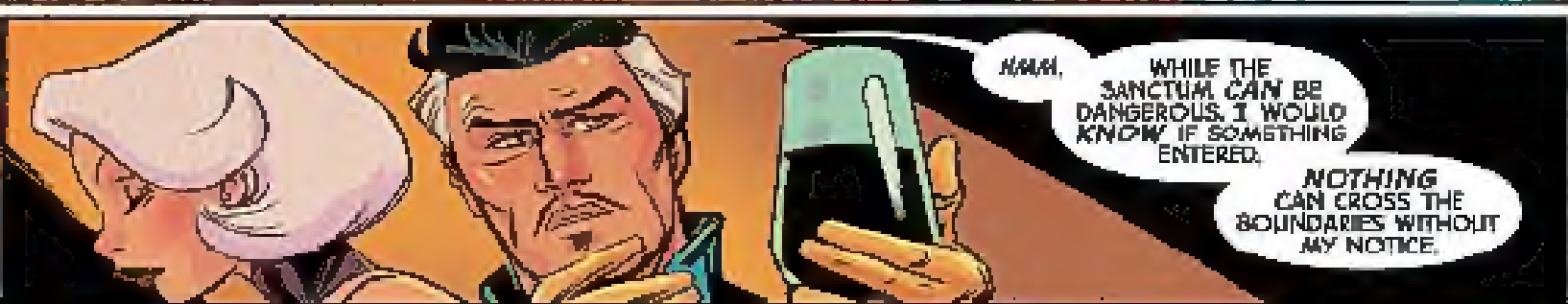






—IS WHAT I'M SAYING!

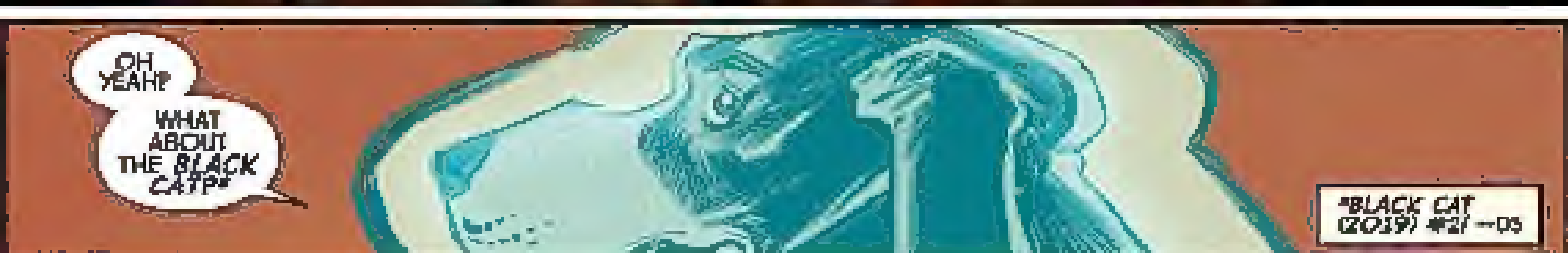
THERE'S  
SOMETHING  
IN THE SANCTUM!  
I CAN SMELL  
IT!



HMM.

WHILE THE  
SANCTUM CAN BE  
DANGEROUS, I WOULD  
KNOW IF SOMETHING  
ENTERED.

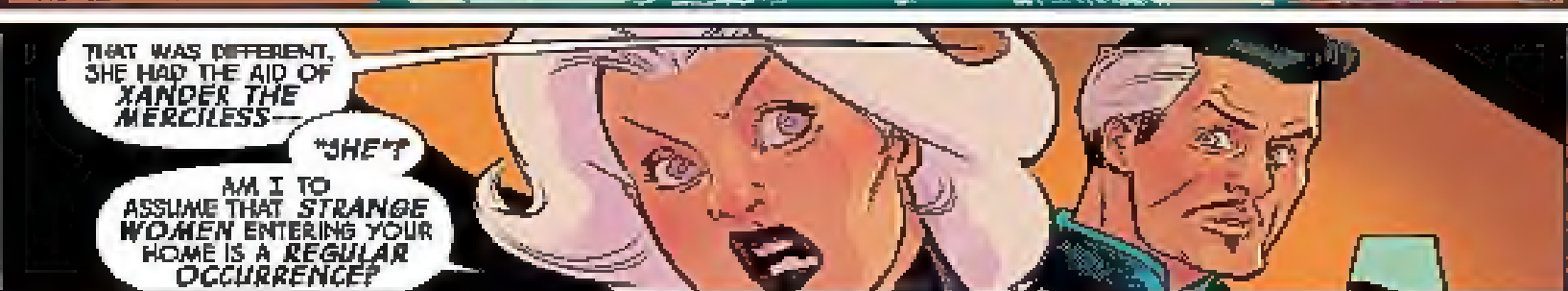
NOTHING  
CAN CROSS THE  
BOUNDARIES WITHOUT  
MY NOTICE.



OH  
YEAH?

WHAT  
ABOUT  
THE BLACK  
CAT?

"BLACK CAT  
GOIN' #21 —DS



THAT WAS DIFFERENT.  
SHE HAD THE AID OF  
XANDER THE  
MERCILESS—

\*SHE'T

AM I TO  
ASSUME THAT STRANGE  
WOMEN ENTERING YOUR  
HOME IS A REGULAR  
OCCURRENCE?



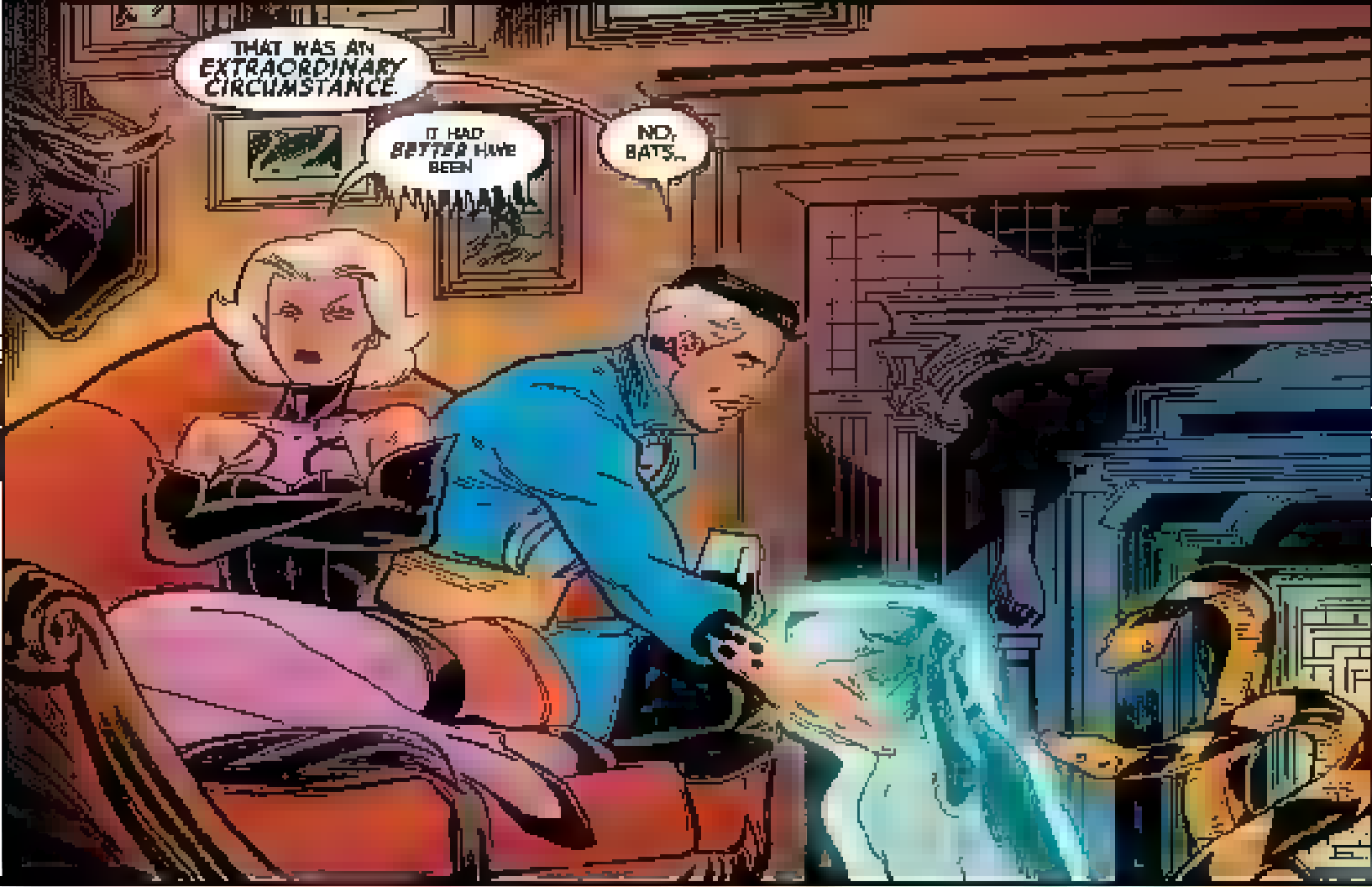
—AND BESIDES,  
I BELIEVE SHE ALSO  
FOOLED MY FAITHFUL  
GUARD DOG, DID  
SHE NOT?

OKAY, SHE  
TRICKED ME!  
SO WHAT?

THE SNAKES  
JUST LET HER IN—  
SHE DIDN'T EVEN  
HAVE TO TRICK  
THEM!

SNITCH!

RATT



THAT WAS AN  
EXTRAORDINARY  
CIRCUMSTANCE.

IT HAD  
BETTER HAVE  
BEEN

NO,  
BATS.

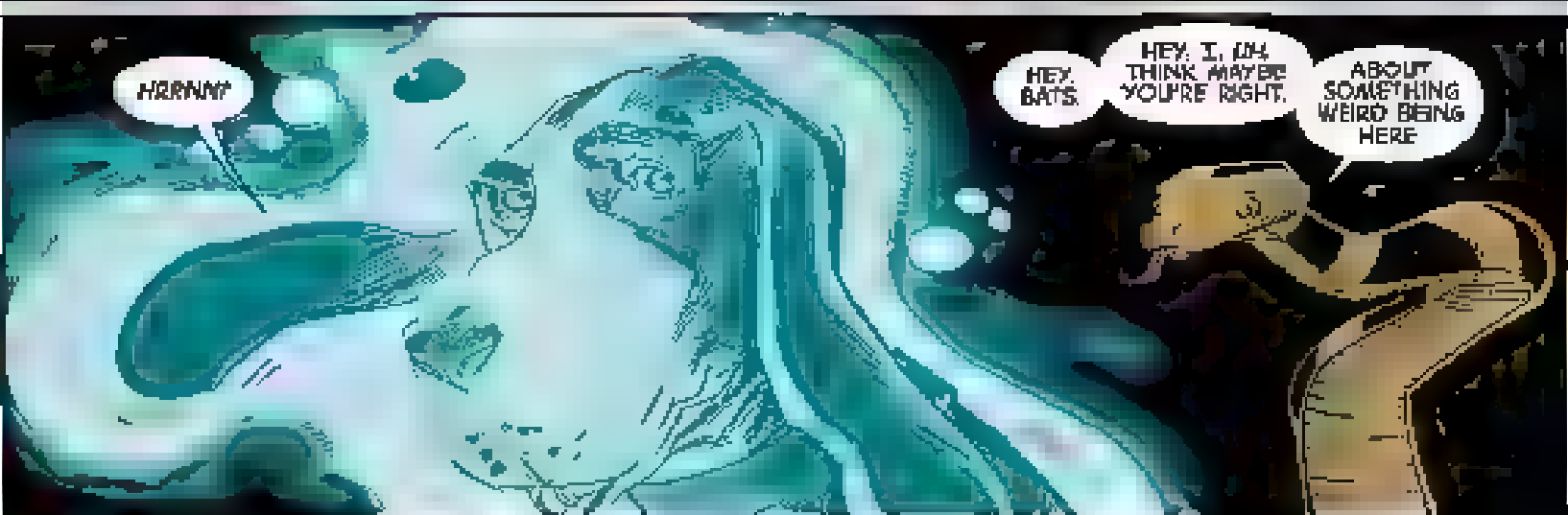


IF SOME  
GREAT EVIL  
HAD ENTERED THE  
SANCTUM...



I  
WOULD  
KNOW







COME ON,  
SHOW ME WHERE  
IT HAPPENED!

I MEAN, I  
WAS THINKING  
MAYBE YOU COULD  
TELL THE DOC HE'D  
BELIEVE YOU.

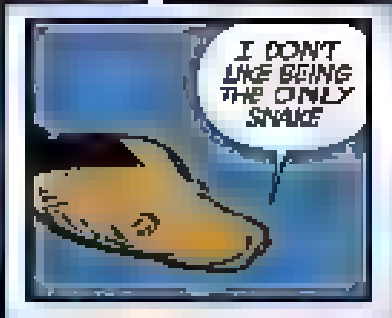
WE GOTTA  
CATCH THIS  
SHADOW!



WE  
CAN DO  
IT!

THEN THE  
SANCTUARY WILL BE  
SAFE! THE DOC'LL  
BE SAFE!

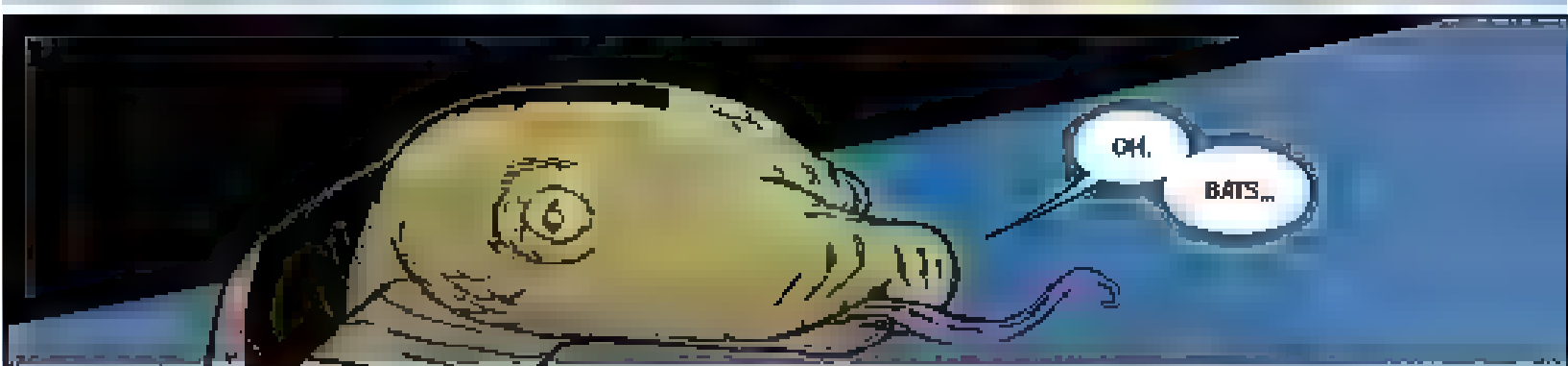
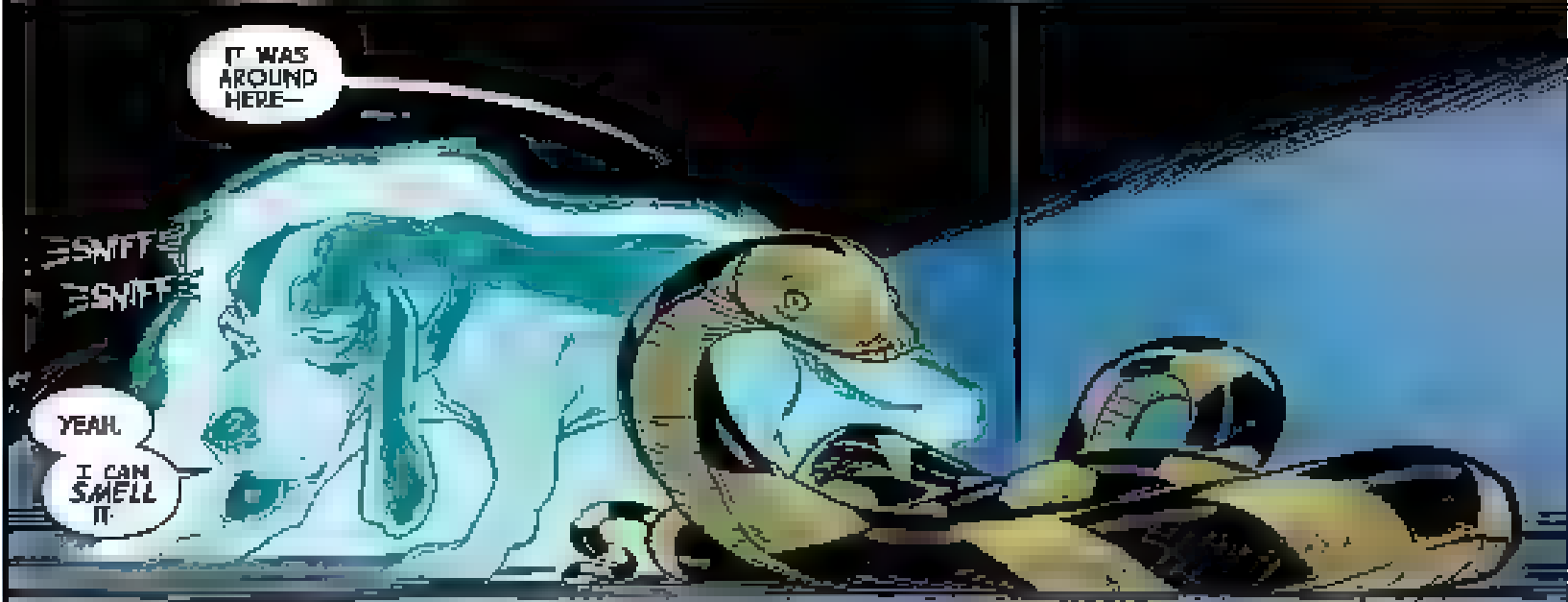
JUST—WE  
JUST GOTTA  
GET HIM  
BACK.



I DON'T  
LIKE BEING  
THE ONLY  
SNAKE

DON'T  
WORRY!

I'VE SEEN  
THE DOC SAVE  
THE DAY ALL  
KINDS OF  
TIMES!

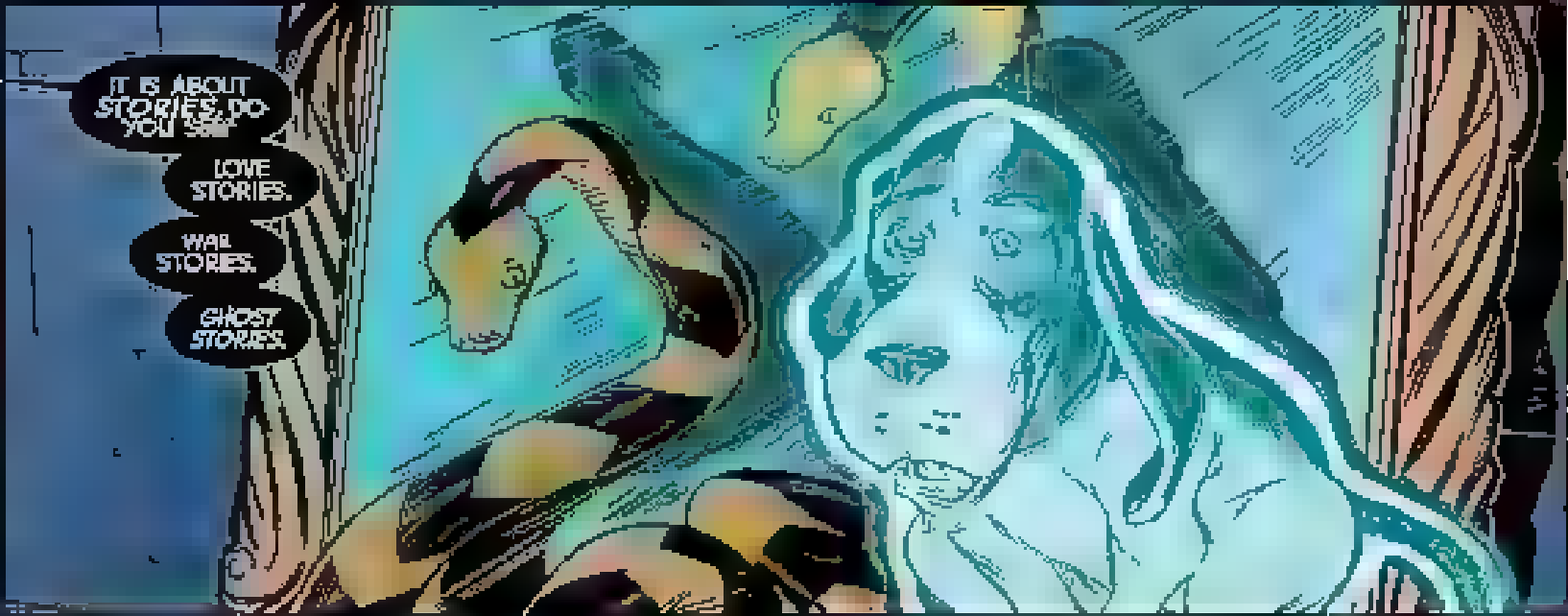






GOOD  
EVENING

GOOD  
EVENING.

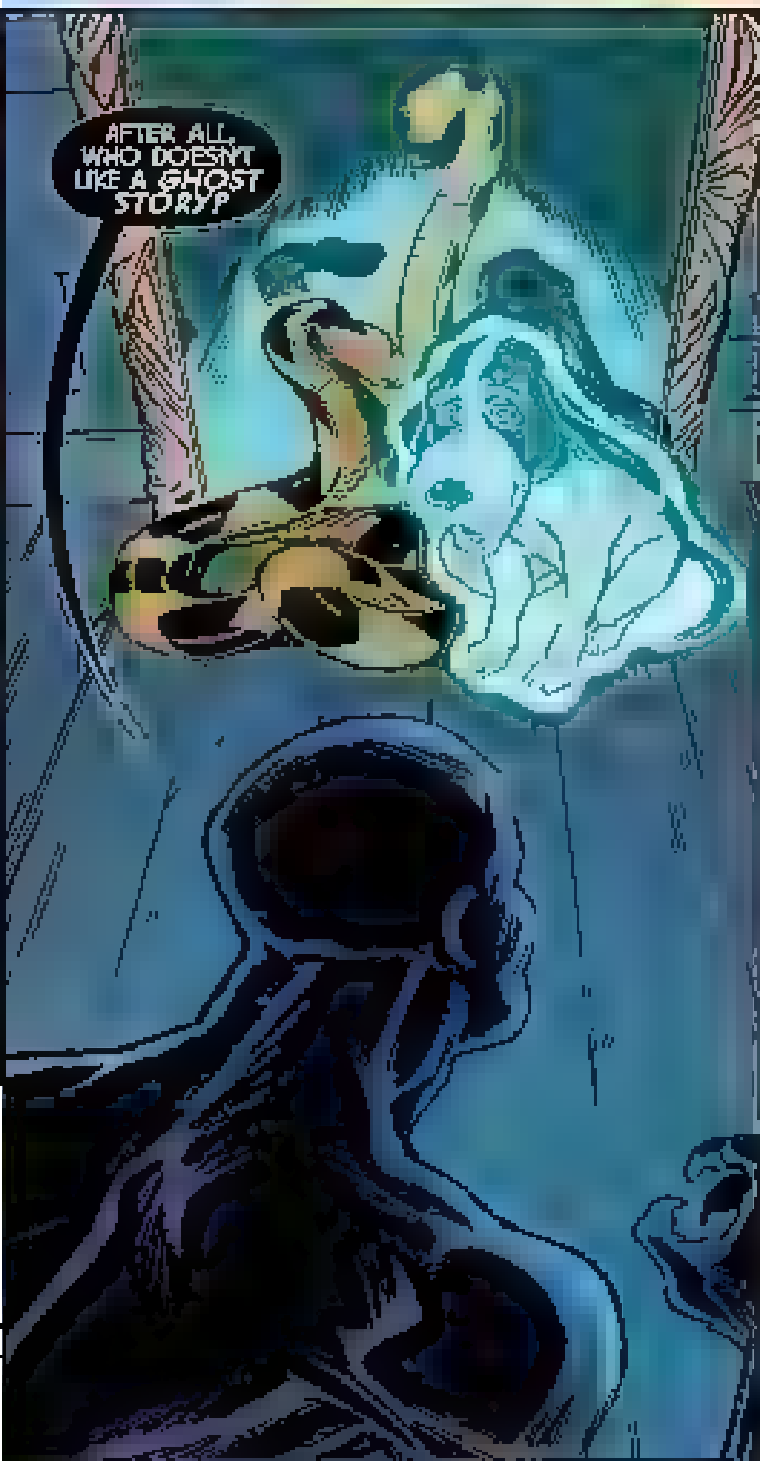


IT IS ABOUT  
STORIES, DO  
YOU SEE?

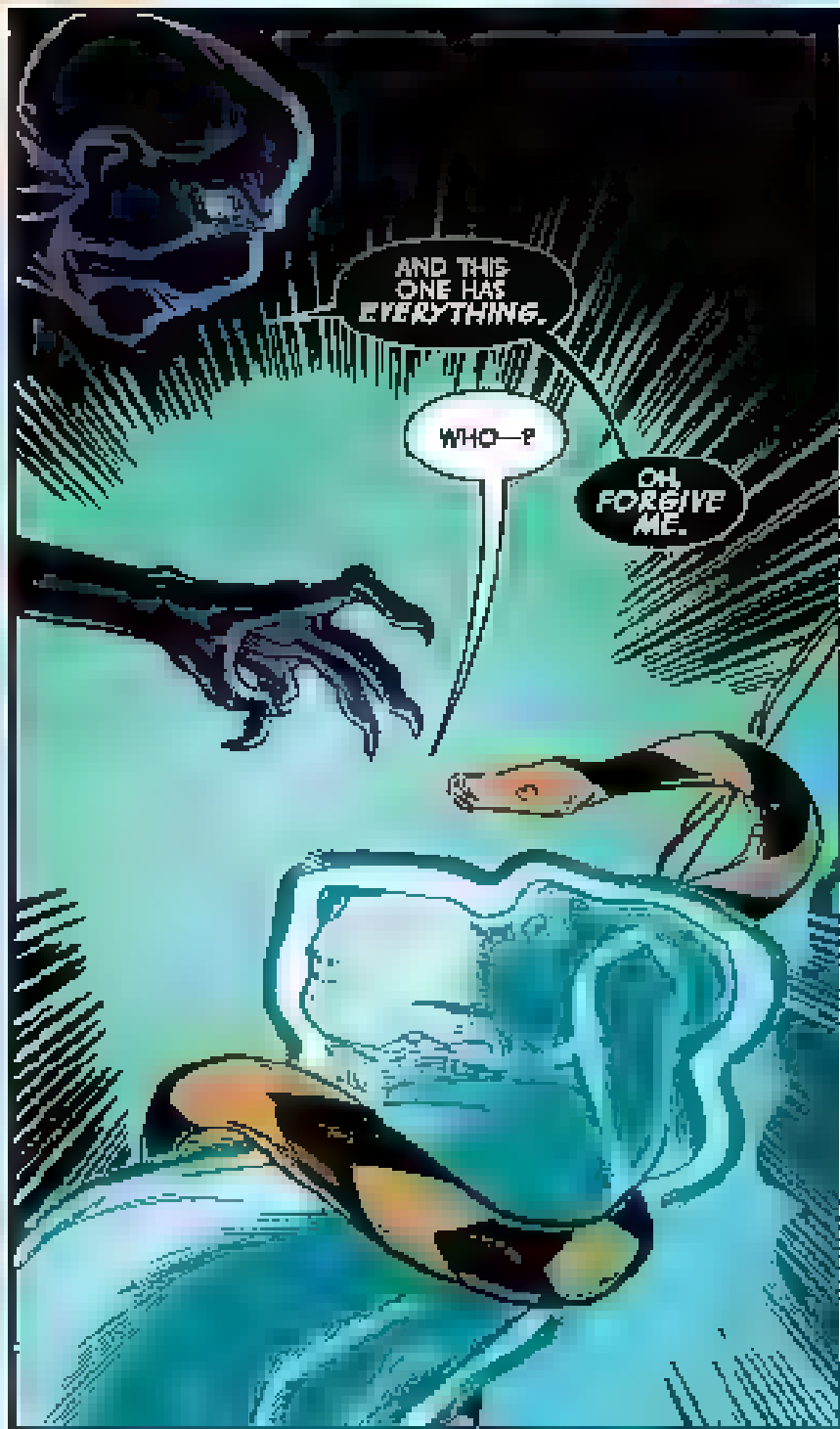
LOVE  
STORIES.

WAR  
STORIES.

GHOST  
STORIES.



AFTER ALL,  
WHO DOESN'T  
LIKE A GHOST  
STORY?



AND THIS  
ONE HAS  
EVERYTHING.

WHO—?

OH,  
FORGIVE  
ME.

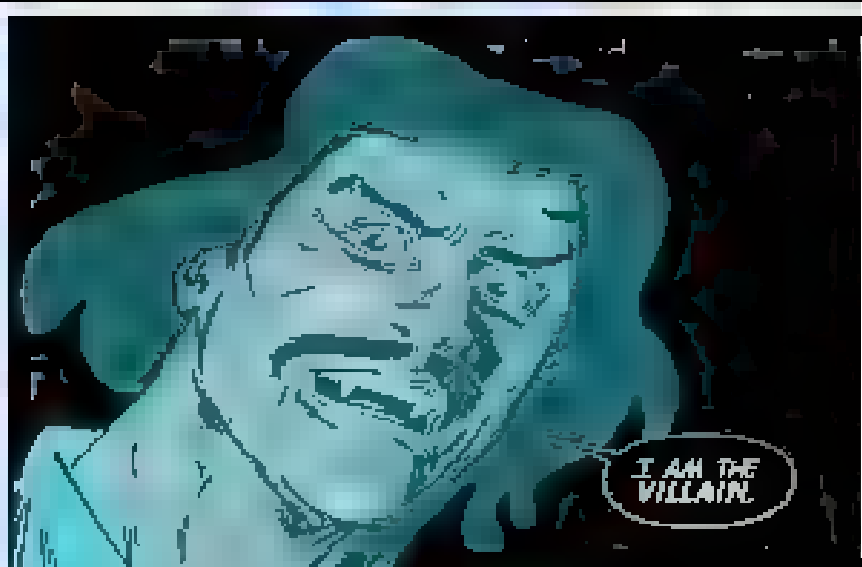


MY  
NAME IS VICTOR  
STRANGE.



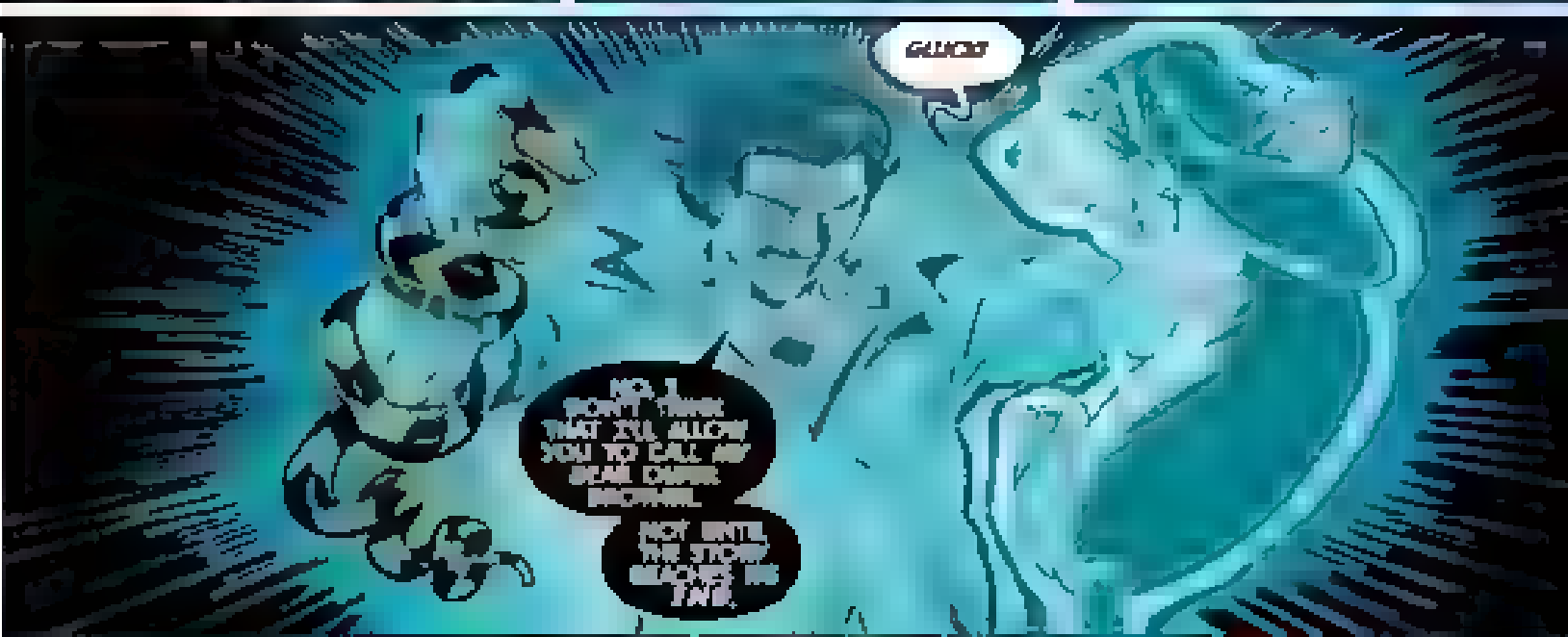
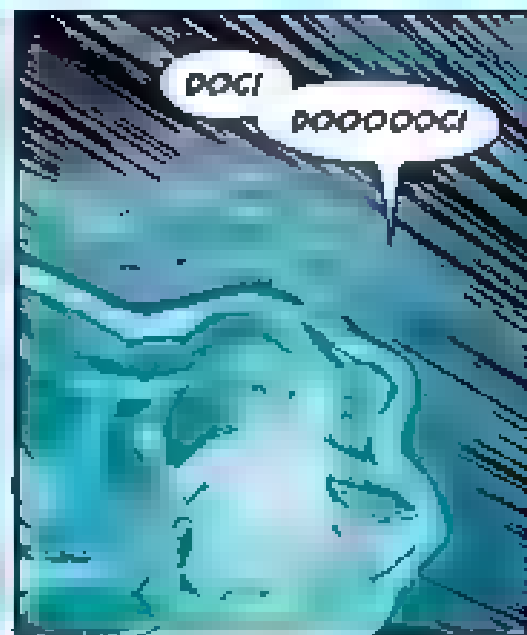
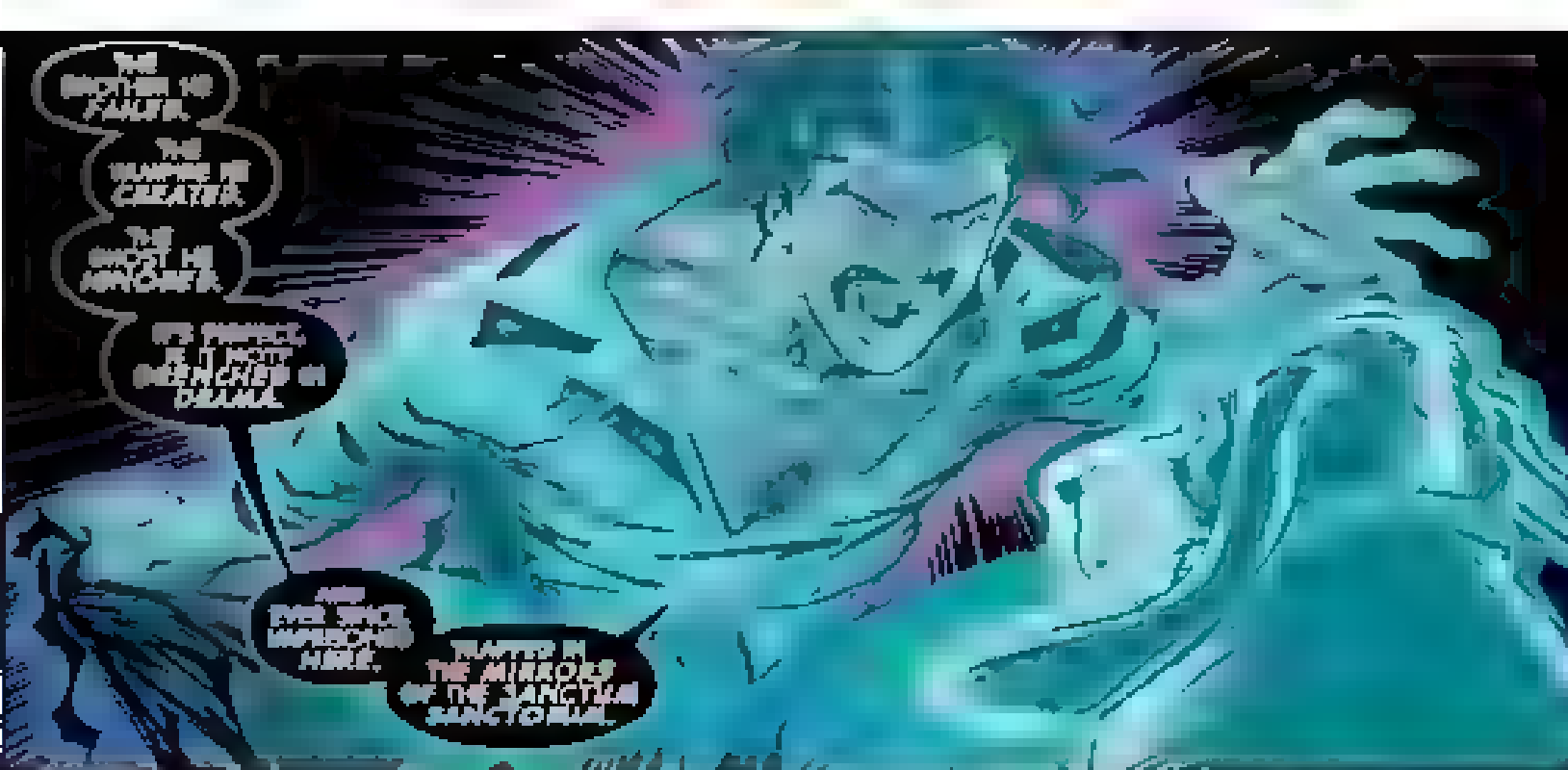
YOU ARE  
OF COURSE, BOTH  
PARTS OF MY  
BROTHER'S STORY,  
AS AM I.

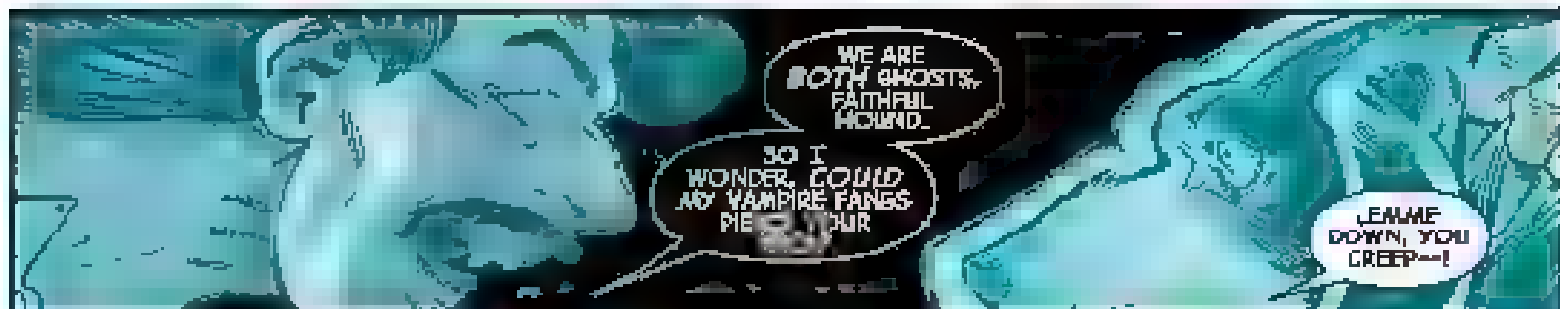
BUT  
I?



I AM THE  
VILLAIN.







WE ARE BOTH GHOSTS, FAITHFUL HOUND.

SO I WONDER, COULD MY VAMPIRE FANGS BITE YOUR

LEAME DOWN, YOU CREEP--!



NO, THAT WOULD BE BENEATH ME.

EVEN THE VILLAIN SHOULD NEVER KILL THE DOG, IT'S CHEAP SENTIMENTAL STORYTELLING.

BUT I CAN'T HAVE YOU RUNNING AROUND, TELLING TALES...



ARROOOOOO!!!

THAT'S MY ROLE.



ALESTER!

WHUFF!





**MORNING.**

COFFEE,  
DARLING?

YES,  
PLEASE,  
DARK.

DARK  
DIMENSION  
ROAST, OF  
COURSE.



I WONDER  
WHAT THAT  
SNAKE WAS  
UP TO LAST  
NIGHT.

WAS IT  
ANTONY OR  
ALEISTER?

I CAN  
NEVER  
TELL THEM  
APART.

PERHAPS  
BATS COULD  
TELL ME.

NOW,  
WHERE  
IS HE?





HE MUST  
HAVE GONE FOR  
A WALK.

LOVE  
STORIES.

WAR  
STORIES.

GHOST  
STORIES.

BUT MINE IS  
THE BEST.

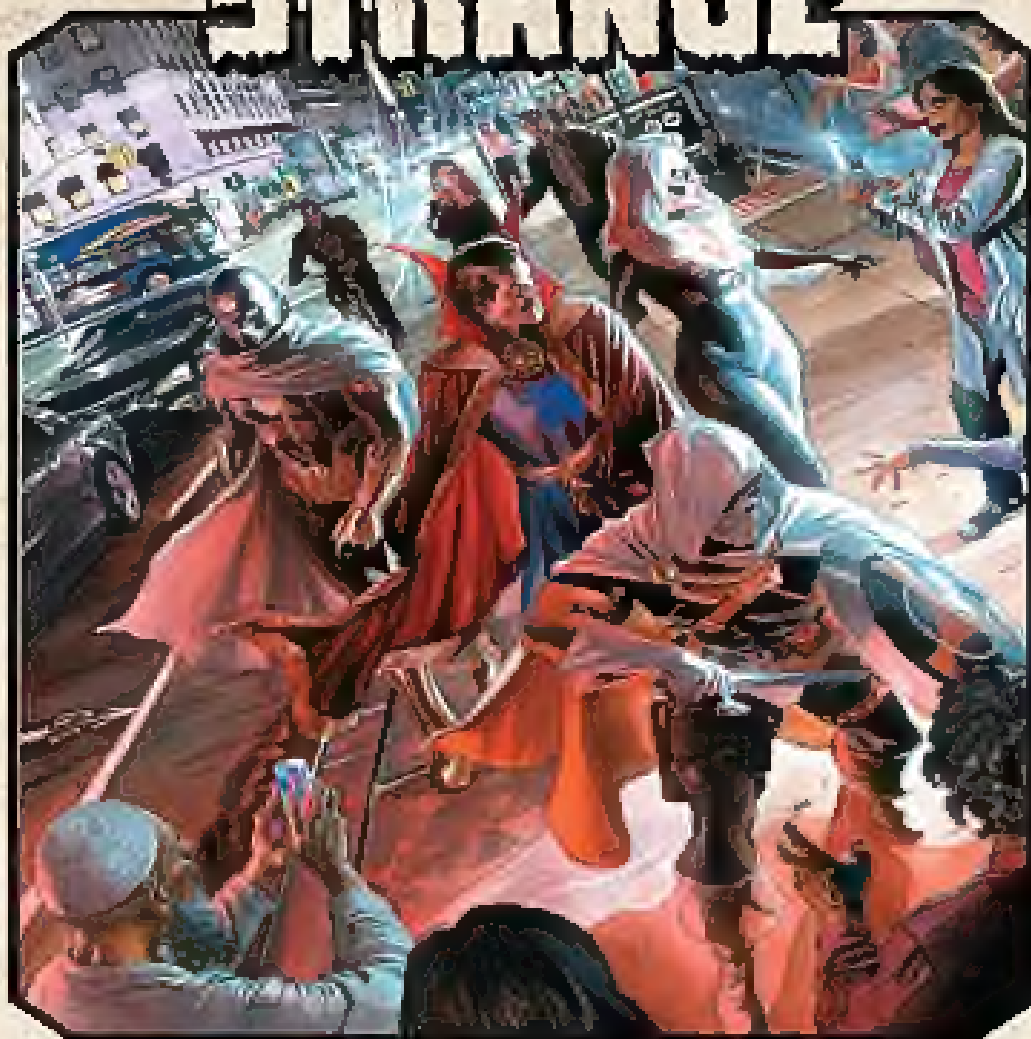
BECAUSE  
IT'S ALL  
THREE.

**THE END?**

**NEXT: COBOLORUM!**

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# DOCTOR STRANGE #13



## MEET THE NEW SECRET DEFENDERS!

A sentient role-playing game has transformed New York City into a fantasy world! To save lives and reverse the spell, Doctor Strange must gather a team of Secret Defenders. Will he be able to lead Black Cat, Taskmaster and Hunter's Moon as a team before it's too late?

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